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GLORIA MOLINA ANNOUNCES COMMUTER SAFETY PROJECTS IN POMONA

POMONA (December 2, 2008)—Los Angeles County Supervisor Gloria Molina has prioritized seismic strengthening projects in her supervisorial district to include two major thoroughfares as part of her commitment to rail and commuter traffic safety: One along Garey Avenue as it traverses under the Union Pacific Railroad tracks between Commercial and First Streets, and another along First Street over Towne and White Avenues.

“The seismic strengthening projects are an important safety initiative for commuters and residents using the First Street bridges and the Garey Avenue underpass,” said Molina. “We are pleased to address commuter safety at our major thoroughfares by providing necessary modifications to our transportation infrastructures to withstand major earthquakes.”

The Garey Avenue site project is scheduled to begin in late December 2008 and should be completed by April 2009. The First Street site project is slated to start in mid-January 2009 and should be finished in May 2009.

Funded with federal monies and state Proposition 1B funds totaling \$651,879, both Pomona project sites will receive modifications to meet current earthquake structural design standards including reinforcement of abutments and placement of steel casings around existing columns.

The First Street project should total \$266,174 using \$235,644 in federal funds and \$30,530 in state monies. The Garey Avenue project should total \$385,705 (higher costs than the First Street project are anticipated due to train provisions) using \$341,465 in federal dollars and \$44,240 in state funds. The Garey Avenue project will be worked on in cooperation with Union Pacific Railroad.

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